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STATUS OF PREPARATION OF PUBLICATIONS, STUDIES AND DOCUMENTS FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretariat

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 46/116, requested the Secretary-General to prepare a limited number of short, analytical and action-oriented studies on the six objectives of the World Conference on Human Rights, as set forth in General Assembly resolution 45/155. In the same resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to encourage initiatives at the national, regional and international levels designed to make the World Conference process a success.

2. The Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1991/30, recommended, inter alia, that the Preparatory Committee "should consider ways and means of promoting a universal culture of human rights by strengthening cooperation through regional meetings and activities and the encouragement of regional institutions, taking into account conditions specific to different regions, as well as by increasing the impact and presence of the United Nations system, bodies and mechanisms in the field of human rights throughout the world." Paragraph 10 of the annex to this resolution also calls on the Preparatory Committee to "make recommendations to the World Conference regarding further possibilities of improving the implementation of applicable international law through national legislation." In addition, paragraph 8 stated "In order to take into account views in different regions regarding the promotion and protection of human rights, including the implementation of international human rights instruments, the Preparatory Committee should promote and consider means of financing regional meetings and activities, and should also encourage various activities at the national level."

3. The Secretariat is pleased to note the interest of Governments, non-governmental organizations and the public in the preparatory process of the World Conference. The Secretariat has received a number of contributions to the documentation for the World Conference from regional bodies, academics, non-governmental organizations and ordinary citizens at the national level who have expressed their views on certain human rights concerns which they wish to see discussed at the World Conference. These contributions have been compiled and are issued as addenda 1 to 6 to the present document.